

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 23, as follows:

The certificate issuing server 40, which issues the electronic certificate to the information processing equipment 30, includes: a certification request receiving section 41 that receives the certification request of the operating environment of the information processing equipment 30; a certificate issuing section 42 that issues the electronic certificate for certifying the operating environment of the information processing equipment 30 based on the certification request received by the certification request receiving section 41; a certificate transmitting section 43 that transmits the electronic certificate issued by the certificate issuing section 42 to the information processing equipment 30. The certificate issuing server 40 further includes a weather information receiving section 44 that receives weather information from the weather satellite [[2]] 20 and a location information compensating section 45 that compensates the location information that is included in the certification request received by the certification request receiving section 41 to obtain accurate location information.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 76, line 14, as follows:

The information processing equipment 30, the certificate issuing server 40, the information storage server 50, and the verification unit 60 each may be configured in part ~~or in full~~ by a computer operable program. Or, otherwise, they may be implemented in part by a firmware that is stored in the ROM. Or, otherwise, they may be embodied as a combination of software and hardware, or a combination of software, hardware, and firmware.